Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Quarterly Report As of September 30, 2021

- (1.) The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) as authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021 to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This document is an assurance that OCtech has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Pub. L. 117-2 of the ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- (2.) OCtech received a total allocation of \$3,689,708 under HEERF III for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- (3.) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF III (Pub. L. 117-2) as September 30 is \$1,514,583.
- (4.) The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under HEERF III has not fully been determined.
- (5.) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under HEERF III (Pub. L. 117-2) is 1,389.
- (6.) The balance not yet awarded will be used to award any students who have not yet confirmed their financial emergency, who may have been unintentionally left out, and to award additional amounts based on documented need.
- (7.) OCtech's method of evaluating eligibility prioritized students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants. A base award was provided to all eligible enrolled students and an additional amount to students with exceptional need as defined based upon Pell grant eligibility as calculated using the FAFSA.